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SUBJECT: TU-144 TESTING REACHES NEW STAGE

1. AN ARTICLE IN VECHERNAVA MOSKVA OF SEPTEMBER 18 REPORTS THAT IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING TEST FLIGHTS BY MINISTRY OF AVIATION INDUSTRY, TU144 IS NOW BEING FLOWN BY AEROFLOT CREWS ON TRAINING FLIGHTS. SIX SPECIFICALLY CHOSEN AND TRAINED AEROFLOT CREWS HAVE FINISHED PRE-FLIGHT TRAINING PROGRAM AND ONE GROUP IS ALREADY FLYING AIRCRAFT. OBJECTIVE OF UNIFIED TESTING PROGRAM IS SAID TO BE "CERTIFICATION" THAT AIRCRAFT IS SAFE AND RELIABLE FOR USE IN REGULAR PASSENGER SERVICE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, AEROFLOT GROUND SERVICES ARE BEING PREPARED AND RESEARCH IS BEING CONDUCTED ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

2. TU-144 PRODUCTION IS BEING SERIALIZED AND IN A FEW MONTHS AIRCRAFT WILL BE GIVEN OVER FOR USE BY AEROFLOT. THE FIRST FLIGHTS, WHICH WILL TRAVERSE SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS WILL OPERATE FROM MOSCOW (DOMODEDOVO AIRPORT) TO ALMA ATA AND TASHKENT CARRYING MAIL AND FREIGHT.

3. COMMENT - THE ARTICLE IS OF INTEREST NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF APPARENT IMMINENT USE OF TU-144 ON AEROFLOT ROUTES BUT ALSO FOR EMPHASIS ON TESTING FOR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES. IN THIS LIGHT, SOVIETS UNDOUBTEDLY WILL KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON US DECISION

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